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HUD ANNOUNCES NEW SYSTEM FOR CONSUMERS TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE TRAINED LEAD SERVICE PROVIDERS

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The National Lead Service Providers' Listing System, the "Lead Listing," was recently developed to provide parents, property owners, real estate professionals, and other consumers with an effective means of identifying and locating trained lead service providers.

The Lead Listing is a service that provides names, phone numbers, and other relevant information of organizations and/or individuals who provide lead-based paint inspections, risk assessments, hazard control (abatement contracting), and other related services.

The Lead Listing is accessible via the Internet World Wide Web at **<http://www.leadlisting.org>** and by dialing toll-free **1-888-LEAD-LIST (1-888-532-3547)** [fax-back and mail-back options are included]. Complete implementation of telephone access is anticipated by January 1, 1997.

Lead professionals who are interested in being included on the Lead Listing must submit information to demonstrate that training was completed and certify that the information is correct. For those States with operational lead certification and accreditation programs, lead professionals must hold a current license for conducting the offered lead service within those States. For more information on how to be included on the Lead Listing and to obtain an information packet, please call 703-312-7837.

The following consumer resources are also available via the Lead Listing web site (<http://www.leadlisting.org>):

- Consumers can locate trained lead service providers for each State via an on-line interactive mode or can choose to download a printable file of service providers for a State or for all States.

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- A *Question and Answer* guide is provided which includes an overview of lead listing "rules."
- A consumer *Reference Guide* is provided which contains definitions of lead-related terms, a comparison of a lead inspection and a lead risk assessment, a guide to questions to ask when purchasing services from a lead service provider and a guide on State lead programs.
- *Support Documents* are provided including applicable Federal lead regulations and the EPA/CPSC lead notification pamphlet.

Access to the Lead Listing is also available via the HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control web site at <http://www.hud.gov/lea/leahome.html>.

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